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N.J. Spy Trial Hears Witness On AF Secrets

Data on the Air Force's top secret communications network to which accused spy John W. Butenko assertedly had access never was authorized for public release before his trial in Newark Federal Court, a Strategic Air Command official testified yesterday.

The information was contained in 17 documents entered into evidence last Thursday. Although it

has not been testified that Butenko, an electronics engineer, offered these papers to the Russians, they have been connected with a list of numbers found in Butenko's wallet when he was arrested.

Accused With Chauffeur

Butenko, 39, who formerly worked on confidential government projects for International Telephone and Telegraph at Paramus, N.J., and Igor Ivanov, 34, chauffeur for the Russian trade agency Amtorg, are accused of conspiracy to transmit information on national defense to the Soviet Union.

They were arrested Oct. 29, 1963, in the Englewood, N.J., railway station. Two Russian UN mission men nabbed with them were booted from the country.

Argue Over Documents

Most of the trial yesterday was taken up with spirited arguments over the admissibility of the 17 documents into evidence. Judge Anthony T. Augelli refused to bar the papers, ruling that the prosecution complied with previous court ruling when submitting them.



John W. Butenko
Accused on documents